

HOUSE BILL 604

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2011

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Board of Elections – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of regular members and eliminating
4 substitute members on the Charles County Board of Elections; requiring the
5 members of the board to be of certain political parties; requiring that a vacancy
6 on the board be filled in a certain manner; making a stylistic change; and
7 generally relating to the Charles County Board of Elections.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Election Law
10 Section 2–201(a) and (b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2010 Replacement Volume)
13 (As enacted by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Election Law
16 Section 2–201(l)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2010 Replacement Volume)
19 (As enacted by Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Election Law**

23 2–201.

24 (a) (1) There is a county board of elections in each county of the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Each local board and its staff is subject to the direction and
2 authority of the State Board and is accountable to the State Board for its actions in all
3 matters regarding the implementation of the requirements of this article and any
4 applicable federal law.

5 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsections (j), (k), and (l) of this section,
6 each local board consists of three regular members and two substitute members.

7 (2) Two regular members and one substitute member shall be of the
8 majority party, and one regular member and one substitute member shall be of the
9 principal minority party.

10 (3) Except as provided in subsection (l) of this section, in the event of
11 the absence of a regular member or a vacancy in the office of a regular member, the
12 substitute member of the same political party shall exercise the powers and duties of a
13 regular member until the regular member returns or the vacancy is filled as
14 prescribed in subsection (h) of this section.

15 (1) (1) In **CHARLES COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY**, Wicomico County,
16 **AND** Worcester County, [and Somerset County,] the local board consists of five regular
17 members.

18 (2) Three regular members shall be of the majority party, and two
19 regular members shall be of the principal minority party.

20 (3) (i) If a vacancy occurs on the local board, the Governor shall
21 appoint an eligible person from the same political party as the predecessor member to
22 fill the vacancy in accordance with subsection (g) of this section for the remainder of
23 the unexpired term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

24 (ii) An appointment made while the Senate of Maryland is not
25 in session shall be considered temporary until the appointee is confirmed by the
26 Senate.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2011.